

### REMARKS

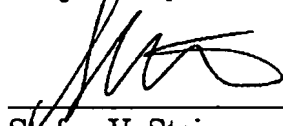
Claims 41-49, 59-67 and 73-75 presently stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 6, 7, 10-13, 16,17, 29 and 31-34 of U.S. Patent No. 6,124,522. In response thereto, a Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed herewith.

With regard to Claims 43, 74 and 75, the Examiner contends that one having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to place the release layer taught therein on the bottom backing sheet of the '522 patent and states that such a design choice modification does not patentably distinguish the instant invention. These claims are dependent from Claim 41 which is believed to be allowable in light of the terminal disclaimer.

Applicant notes that Claim 50-58, 68-72 and 76-78 stand allowed.

All grounds of objection and rejection having been overcome by the amendments hereinabove, reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



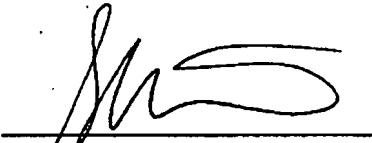
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